BE A WITNESS.

But His Examination by Goff Probably Will Be a Perfunctory One.

HINTS NOW OF A PLATT DEAL

Rumers that Big Inspector Williams Will Be Handled with Tenderness.

PARKHURST IS NOT CONTENTED.

He Wants Byrnes Put on the Rack and Says Uncomplimentary Things of Him.

of the four days during which Byrnes, and possibly Inspector re is an equal probability that will be of a perfuncnature, and that neither will sufof people who have closely followed Committee's labors and who are in tion to know of its purposes. In

a position to know of its purposes. In this connection has arisen a question as to whether a deal has been made, and if Boss Platt is behind it.

The reputed "deal" is that Byrnes is to be shielded because of the valuable services he is aid to have rendered the Committee, notably in the alleged bringing about of Capt. Schmittberger's confession, and that Williams is to be proceed for Platt, in return for which he is to stave off any further embarrassing disclosures concerning "Jimmy" Martin. Investigator Goff will not say whether Byrnes or Williams will be called. Mr. Moss, his coadjutor, says that the Superintendent and Inspector will be called. Mr. Moss, his coadjutor, says that the Superintendent and Inspector will be called. Mr. Chairman Lexow, while non-committal states that if Supt. Byrnes is called "his axamination will be satisfactory to every one." He adds, however, that the Committee members are not agreed upon the question of granting immunity to inspector Williams should he confess, and in the minds of many this has little weight any way, for Williams never had the reputation of volunteering any information about his acts.

Br. Parkhurst comes out squarely with this declaration:
"It is evident, and I am informed, that Bupt. Byrnes is to be subjected only to be princed the confession of Capt. Schmittberger. Putting these this together, it looks very much like a deal."

eply to the question as to whether ould assist Lawyer Goff in his mation of Supt. Byrnes, Dr. Park-

Parkhurst declared that his opin-t Supt. Byrnes had not changed, while he had no prejudice against uperintendent, like a friend of his emarked, "he would as soon think king Satan's advice on the reor-ation of hell as Byrnes's on the anisation of the police." this fling Supt. Byrnes merely re-

herow.

Recorder-elect Goff was leaving his ause in One Hundred and Fourth reet when a reporter called on him.

This is one of the days," said the coorder-elect, "on which my family sist on my going to church, and, of surse, there is nothing for me to do the so."

CLOTHED A THOUSAND BOYS. CROKER GOES

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The distribution took place at Jacobs' Third Avenue Theatre and though the

CHRISTMAS IN THE TOMBS.

Tramp Garvey to Have Turkey.

Ex-Police Capt. John T. Stephenson convicted of bribery and now in the Tombs awaiting sentence, passed a very different Christmas eve from his pre

In the past all was joy, happiness and "collections." Christmastide brought him then the many gifts of the faithful contributors to the Captain's Christmas box. Now he enjoys what comfort he can extract from a cell in Murderer's Row, the visits of his relatives and friends and the meals sent in to him from an outside restaurant.

The ex-Captain was "not at home" to reporters this morning. The guards, however, say that he passed rather a restless night.

The \$20 prisoners in the Tombs will partake of a big Christmas dinner, thanks to the generosity of the city. A large supply of turkeys, chickens, puddings, mince pies, apples and oranges has been provided for the city's involuntary guests, and all can have as much as they can eat.

Under the prison rules no visitors will be admitted to the Tombs to-day, unless there is an imperative necessity that a prisoner's relatives should have access to him.

Garvey, the Astor tramp, is still spending most of the twenty-four hours in sleep. His snoring power is phenomenal, and annoys the other "boarders" greatly. The only interest he seemed to take Christmas Day was about the turkey spread. He was very anxious to know if he could have all he could eat.

SEELY'S SAD CHRISTMAS.

Keeps Up His Spirits. Although he has a term of five years and four months of actual imprisonment to serve in the Kings County Peniten-

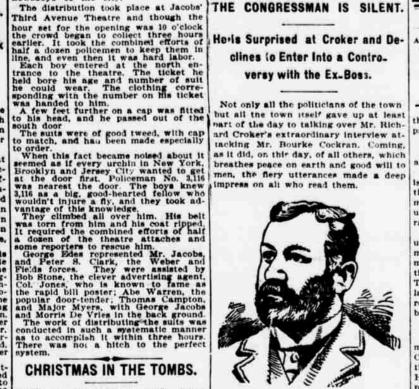
FOR "OTHERS."

Bourke Cockran Not the Only One the Chief Has in View.

AFTER MEN IN HIGH PLACES.

Will Meet Cockran in Public or Demand a Private Explanation.

THE CONGRESSMAN IS SILENT.



Richard Croker, esq., looked as smooth himself this blithe Christmas morn as he tripped down the velvet stairs of his mansion uptown to talk to an "Evening," said, with a grin, "Mr. Croker says he may demand a "Mr. Croker has not made a lifetime pracMr. Croker has not made a lifetime pracmeets the Congressman," said the re-

It was suggested to Mr. Croker that he had been quoted as uttering these solemn words: "If he refuses to come meet him, no matter when it is, I shall demand a personal explanation of him."
"That's what I said," said Mr. Croker.

"Excuse me, but that is my personal The reporter was trying to ask him

to pull Mr. Cockran's ears, slap his face purposely rushed on, and his tone was "Every word in that interview stands.

There is nothing to change or take back. Mr. Croker was walking through his there was a cruel, steely ring in his voice. Once without, he gazed long and earnestly at the mackerel clouds floating tiary, Samuel C. Seely, the defaulting over the bine vault, and sniffed the ver-



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Mr. Croker has not made a lifetime practice of talking to newspaper men whenever they asked him to, but just now he has opened his batteries on Bourke Cockran, and is willing to lodge a shot whenever he can even at the price of a newspaper interview.

Mr. Croker was shown the telegram from Washington containing Cockran's reply to his roast of yesterday.

"You don't call this a reply?" he expression of the control of the co

Jerome Thinks the Charges True. Lawyer Leonard Travers Jerome said:
"To my mind this simply illustrates the old proverb, "Whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad." If I were a public man I don't think I would do much talking. The irritability which is evident throughout the entire interview seems to me to go a good way towards

if they were made by him.

Richard Croker wants Hourke Cockran's scalp. He is after it as a result of The world's recent publication of the innet workings of Tammany Hall. These inside stories told why Grant was nominated and why Cockran was not, and explained the parts played by both of these gentlemen, together with the machinations of Police Commissione Martin. Mayor Gliroy, County Clerk Purroy, Corporation Counsel Clark and other Tammany big-wigs. Since the publication of those stories Ex-Boss Cooker has had a grievance. Ordinarily he keeps silent and bides his time, but, as he is going to Europe in March, and as ne is determined to have at least one more meeting of the Executive Committee of Tammany, at which he can say just what he thinks about Cockran, he was induced yesterday to give out the following state-

Mayor Gilroy Won't Talk.

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Mayor Gilroy flatly refused to talk about the matter.

There is no question though that there is a sort of earthquake preparing within the Wigwam, and unless President Jimmie Martin calls a meeting of the Executive Committee prettye quickly some radical measures will be adopted.

The impression that five members can under the rules issue a call for the Committee to meet is erroneous, but twenty members of the Committee to meet is erroneous, but twenty members of the Committee to meet he role issue a call for the Committee to meet he role issue a call for the Committee to meet he role issue a call for the Committee to meet he role issue a call for the Committee to meet he role issue a call for the Committee on Organization can have that body called together. There are at present \$90\$ members of the latter body, and a meeting of such a representative body at this time would be decidedly interesting.

Goff Willing to Be Referee.

John W. Goff was greatly pleased this morning when informed of ex-Boas Croker's challenge to meet him before the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall or the Lexow Committee and explain the origin of their respective fortunes and their opinons of each other.

Mr. Goff had not read Mr. Croker's colt Dobbins. Mr. Croker said that he should follow his horses in March or early in April, at the latest. The horses he is sending early in order that they may be acclimated. In regard to the reorganization of Tammany, the ex-leader would not talk.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Bourke Cockran refused to say much about the interview in which Richard Croker attacked him to-day.

"When I first heard of the interview," he said, "I could not understand what the questioner was talking about. Now that I have read the interview. I do not know much more than I did before. I decline to be drawn into any controversy with the author of such trash, or to take any notice of it."

"What is the cause of Mr. Croker's attack on you, Mr. Cockran:" was asked.
"I don't know. I don't know any more than you do."

"He hints at a personal encounter."

Mr. Cockran looked down at his six feet of solid build and gave an expressive sniff.

"Mr. Croker says you could not have been elected this Fall."

"How does he know that?" continued

"Mr. Croker says you could not have been elected this Fall."
"How does he know that?" continued Mr. Cockran. "He can't tell whether I could have been or not."
"Were you a candidate for the nomi-nation?"
"I decline to say."
"Mr. Croker says you do not live in your district."

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"Stuff," Retorts Bourke.

street quarters of Jim Lavelle's "sta-Michael Angelo Beau Brummel Leonard glass" department of the prize ring Gi mixed with jealousy and a spirit of re-

bellion against the intrusion of new the shadows of two approaching forms before the renown of which even the After having climbed ten flights of stairs to Farmer Duan's agricultural preserves on the top of the Equitable Building an "Evening World" reporter this morning received the commonplace information that it is going to remain clear and may possibly become a little colder.

Mr. Duan did not venture out to-day after his prediction for a stormy Christman Day, He didn't come down to his the Windy City. When the news reaches law or sometimes Day, He didn't come down to his

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